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## NEWS SUMMARY: <u>Thirty-Three Defendants Indicted in Multi-Kilogram Drug Conspiracies</u>

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced today that Teodoro Meraz, d.o.b. 04/28/1979, Gabriel Urbina, d.o.b. 03/24/1977, Antonio Cruz, d.o.b. 11/13/1950, Andrew R. Oblak, d.o.b. 10/06/1986, Richard Welsh, d.o.b. 05/13/1988, Ana Hurtado, d.o.b. 03/22/1969, Pedro Romo, d.o.b. 05/27/1979, Alejandro Romo, d.o.b. 12/30/1985, Fidel Moreno, d.o.b. 09/01/1985, Jose Meraz, d.o.b. 03/31/1976, Javier Aguilera, d.o.b. 12/09/1977, Brijido Aguilera, d.o.b. 10/08/1955, Federico Alejandro Meza, d.o.b. 03/02/1979, Leonardo Urbina, d.o.b. 06/30/1976, Elias Perez, d.o.b. 11/05/1984, Michael V. Popp, d.o.b. 03/11/1983, Wagas Tariq, d.o.b. 01/29/1983, Usman Tariq, d.o.b. 10/22/1984, Jeffrey Scott Wingert, d.o.b. 07/31/1972, Enrique Urbina, d.o.b. 03/15/1983, Jose R. Quinonez, d.o.b. 11/17/1981, Miguel A. Valdez, d.o.b. 11/28/1977, Christian Gabriel Martinez, d.o.b. 07/24/1985, Miguel Healy, d.o.b. 10/07/1972, Jose Godina, d.o.b. 09/30/1977, Sal Uribe, d.o.b. 03/14/1979, Juan Carlos Flores-Bobadillia, d.o.b. 10/06/1986, Rick J. Rivera, d.o.b. 11/18/1979, Francisco R. Aguilera, d.o.b. 07/11/1983, Sean D. Kruschke, d.o.b. 07/13/1976, Jonathan David Colla, d.o.b. 12/10/1983, Jose Alfredo Aguilera, d.o.b. 08/04/1985, and Kayla Lapp, 04/05/1987 were indicted by a grand jury sitting in the Eastern District of Wisconsin and charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine.

The grand jury returned two separate indictments charging the 33 defendants after an investigation which began in January, 2004 and included court ordered electronic surveillance. The investigation was a joint effort by the Waukesha County Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group (MEG), administered by the Waukesha County Sheriff; the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), and the Milwaukee Office of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and the West Allis Police Department.

Upon conviction, each defendant faces incarceration of at least ten years to life, and a fine up to \$4,000,000. The public is cautioned that an indictment is the formal method of charging an individual with a crime. Each defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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